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VERSION 1

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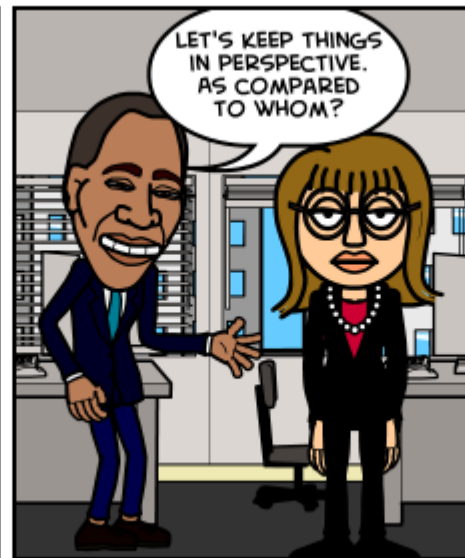
Since many of the late night comedians and even the news media were commenting on Obama's inauguration address, I thought I would do something about this topic as it was timely and interesting. I wanted to incorporate the criticism of Obama's speech and a specific reference to George Bush's use of malapropisms. My, how that man can butcher the English language!

**VISUALS:**

Since Obama is often grinning, I made him smile in all of the frames. I thought an office setting would be an appropriate environment for me to be in. I'm not so sure about the politicos, however. Should I change this or will it make sense to the viewer?

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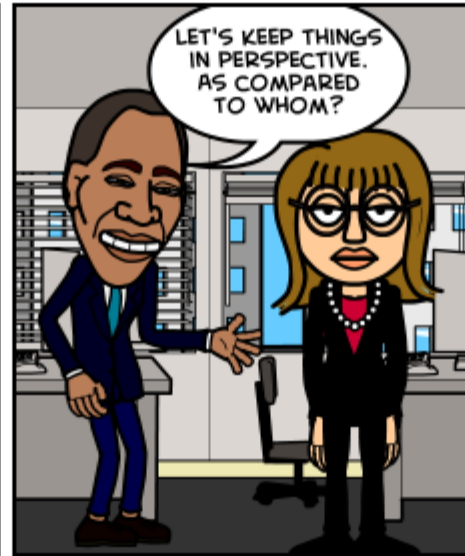
I realized that I used the word "substance", when I really meant "rhetoric". Normally his speeches are fairly rhetorically pleasing and a bit short on substance. This time, however, the opposite was the case. It was fairly substantive, but "flat" rhetorically. I added the comment by Obama to indicate the general disdain the American public feels toward Bush.

**VISUALS:**

After looking over the strip, I changed the mouths on the characters. They are only open when the character is speaking which makes more sense. Oops, Barack's mouth isn't open at the end...Maybe I should change this. I also moved Obama away from Bush as I thought the slap on the back in the first version wasn't appropriate.

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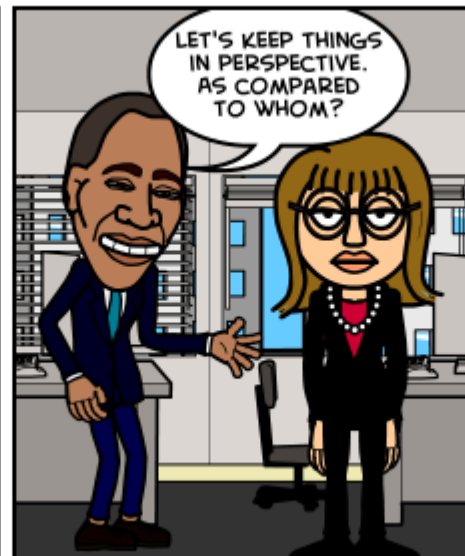
I kept the same wording as the last version, but I made Barack's "comment" a thought bubble instead. He seems to be a fairly gracious individual and it didn't seem right to have him comment directly to G.W.

**VISUALS:**

I moved Obama a bit closer to Bush in this view. I think this shows that, despite their ideological and personal differences, the men can still be civil to one another. I think Obama should be looking at Bush, though. It would seem more natural and more respectful which would strengthen the "getting along" part.

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VERSION 4

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I am finally satisfied with the content. It pokes some mild fun at George Bush's lack of mastery of the English language, while at the same time pointing out that although some people have virtually "canonized" Obama, he isn't perfect either. The contrast between the outgoing administration and the incoming administration is highlighted as well.

**VISUALS:**

The poses of all the individuals seem the most natural here. I am satisfied with the way Obama is smiling indulgently at Bush with his head tilted. This indicates a listening and respectful attitude. His thoughts contrast nicely to the visuals.

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